

Why You'd Want JAG

- **Awards are distributed up front** instead of on a reimbursement basis, giving recipients immediate control over their funds.
- **Direct recipients can earn interest on their awards**, generating additional funding for future justice projects.
- **Projects can be funded beyond a 4-year period**, allowing successful initiatives to receive funding to continue and expand their efforts.
- **Fewer fiscal and programmatic reports are required**, saving state administering agencies and local programs valuable staff time and resources.
- **Mandatory set-asides are eliminated**, encouraging states and communities to spend justice funds where they are needed most.



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What JAG Is

Proposed as a mechanism to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program will allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. JAG will replace the Edward J. Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant (Byrne Formula) Program and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Program with a single funding mechanism that will simplify the administration process for grantees.

The process for allocating JAG funds will most likely use a formula based on population and crime statistics. However, there will be a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share. Traditionally, under the Byrne Formula and LLEBG Programs, funds were distributed 60/40 between state and local recipients. This distribution will continue under JAG.

Although JAG has not yet received Congressional approval, it is in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2005.

What JAG Can Fund

Any law enforcement or justice initiative funded under the current Byrne Formula or LLEBG Programs will continue to be eligible for funding under the JAG Program's six purpose areas. JAG funds could be used to pay for personnel, overtime, and equipment. Funds provided for the states could be used for statewide initiatives, technical assistance and training, and support for local and rural jurisdictions.

JAG Purpose Areas

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs.
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.